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1. Colonel Fotin was Political Commissar of the 16th ELAS Brigade and later transferred to the 13th Brigade during the days of the resistance. He was invited by Ioannis Ioannides to become a member of the Politburo of the KKE in the "mountains".
2. He later became Secretary of the KOPS (Kommunistiki Organosis Periferias Stereas Ellados), the Communist organization for Sterea Ellada.
3. After the Varkiza Agreement, he and two colleagues took the records of the KKE and the Macedonian units (Omadis Merarchion Makedonias) into Yugoslavia. He was accompanied on this mission by a teacher named Hermes, the Political Commissar of the Peloponnesian Brigade, and Colonel Efthimios Zoulans.
4. Heracles Petmezas, Ioannis Peltakis, and Stamatis Merkouris, who had formerly promised to support the new "Free Democratic Government", have now failed to state their definite position since the recent statement made by Sophoulis.
5. Petmezas was Minister of the Press and Propaganda during the Sophoulis regime and Merkouris was Minister of Public Security.
6. Peltakis is the owner of the morning daily newspaper Eleftheria. He was the former Minister of the Merchant Marine in the Sophoulis regime.

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